

COMMITTEE OFFERS TO MAKE A COMPROMISE

License Tax on Electric Company
Will Not be Increased If
Old Rates are Resumed.

CONSIDERED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Final Arguments From Captain Berkeley, for Merchants, and General Manager Butler, for Company, Are Heard—Proposition Will be Submitted at Once.

A compromise in the electric light and power matter was agreed upon by the finance committee of the council last night, after a lengthy discussion in executive session.

The committee proposes to make no changes in the present license tax upon electric light companies, provided the Citizens company will make its rates what they were before the recent change, and will give a rate of from 5 to 8 cents per kilowatt hour on power. The proposed new rate on power was suggested by Mr. W. W. S. Butler, general manager of the Citizens company, therefore the only question now before the committee is whether or not the company will rescind its action in increasing the rates to large consumers by reducing discounts.

The committee met last night with Chairman Read and Messrs. Robinson, West, Tavis, Ford and Dr. Hoskins present. Mr. Butler appeared as the representative of the railway and light companies, and Captain C. C. Berkeley was present as counsel for the joint committee of the Merchants' Association and Chamber of Commerce.

Profits of Company.

Captain Berkeley made a brief statement, summarizing his argument of last week and offering some new facts for the consideration of the committee. For the purpose of showing that the Citizens Company has for years been making large profits, he submitted the following figures, obtained from the corporation commission: Net income for 1903 (light and ice), \$37,045.22; 1904, (light), \$22,436.09; 1905, (light), \$22,436.09. Captain said that in 1904, during the fight with the Consumers company, the Citizens company was making a rate of 5 cents per kilowatt hour for current, and that the records showed that the company made a net profit of \$22,000 during that year. He went on to say that it had been proven that the company was making enormous profits on the light business, and that he believed the people should share in these profits. He declared that the rates charged elsewhere had nothing to do with the case, because Newport News should not go wrong simply because other cities do.

Figures Misleading.

Mr. Butler said that the net profit figures in the reports to the corporation commission were misleading, as they were arrived at simply by the deduction of actual running expenses from gross income. He said that when money spent in improvements, taxes, etc., and the deterioration of property value were allowed for, there would be a very different showing. He invited the committee to examine the companies' books for the purpose of ascertaining the truth of his statements.

Mr. M. H. Tash made a statement in regard to the discrimination in rates. Mr. Butler said that he found that condition existing upon his arrival here, and immediately called it to the attention of the directors of the company with the view of having it corrected. He went on to say that he did not believe special rates should have been allowed anyone, and was glad that the condition had been corrected.

Mr. Meyers' Explanation.

Mr. Alex Meyers replied to the statement that Meyers Bros. had been allowed a rate of about 2.6 cents per kilowatt hour for power, saying that a rate of 5 cents, with a discount of 45 per cent, on bills over a certain amount, had been allowed Meyers Bros. when that firm, at great expense, changed its elevator so that the light system of the city would not be interfered with by the running of the elevator.

The committee went into executive session about 10 o'clock, and discussed the matter for more than an hour. The proposition agreed upon will be submitted to the electric company at once.

Dr. Sykes Leaves.

Dr. A. O. Sykes, D. D. and his family left yesterday afternoon for Lyons, N. Y., going by way of Baltimore. Scores of people called at the doctor's home yesterday to say farewell. Dr. Sykes leaves St. Paul's church to become rector of Grace church, Lyons.

All Bids Rejected.

The highest bid being \$15,000, the receivers refused to sell the electrical fixtures on the Jamestown Exposition grounds Monday. The fixtures will be disposed of at a private sale.

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Social-Personal

Mrs. Louis Lear and Miss Agnes Epps entertained the Fortnight Euchre Club last night at the latter's home, 3210 West avenue. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lear, Misses Mary Stearnes, Blanche Webb, Chandra Perkins, Ethel Cottrell, Genevieve Shute, Adelaide Lapsley and Alma Barham; Messrs. Howard Bowen, W. J. Tignor, W. L. Shumate, Stribling Ballard, Hampden S. Reynolds, W. P. Epps, C. C. Epps, McCarrie, J. Baptist and Lewis A. McMerren.

Miss Lucille Cooper left yesterday for West Point, where she will spend several weeks with Miss Annie Lee Hland.

Mr. C. G. Small is spending two weeks in North Carolina.

Miss Alice Harwood, of Washington, D. C., is spending a week with Mrs. William Dean, at Twenty-sixth street.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Grafton, are visiting friends in this city.

Miss Mabel Kelsey, of Richmond, has returned home after a visit to friends in this city.

Miss Virginia Harrison, of Lynchburg, who has been the guest of her cousin, the Misses Harrison, in this city, has returned home.

Miss Katherine Maloney, of Scranton, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Philip T. Benzinger, on Twenty-ninth street.

Mrs. C. C. Berkeley is quite ill at her home in Thirty-third street.

Miss Bessie Davidson, of Radford, is visiting the Misses Davidson, on Twenty-eighth street.

PRIZE FIGHT IN BLOODFIELD.

Baltimore and Norfolk Negroes Entertain Party of Sports.

Before quite a party of sports from Baltimore and this vicinity the "Baltimore Kid," of Baltimore, and Eddie Butts, of Norfolk, both negroes, fought a six round bout early yesterday morning in a house known as the Jamestown hotel, on Ivy avenue. The Norfolk bruiser had agreed to put his opponent out in six rounds, and failing to do this lost the money put up by his backers.

The fight was pulled off without interference on the part of the Bloodfield police.

It Paid Lawson to Advertise.

BOSTON, MASS., March 31.—It is estimated here today that Mr. Lawson's profits in the Yukon gold deal on the curb last week were \$2,100,000, and that his advertising cost him \$250,000. This establishes a new advertising record and a new record for curb deals.

CASE IS CONTINUED.

Mrs. Tyson Unable to Appear in Court to Testify Against Her Husband. The case of Ernest Tyson, charged with feloniously assaulting his wife, was continued in the police court yesterday until today.

Mrs. Tyson is suffering from three painful wounds, and was unable to appear to testify against her husband.

Hill's Name Sent to Senate.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—President Roosevelt sent to the Senate today the nomination of David Jayne Hill, to be ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Germany.

Notice.

Patrons of the Newport News Light and Water Company are hereby reminded that water bills must be paid by the 10th inst. All delinquents on the 11th inst. will have their supply cut off pursuant to notice given all consumers. NEWPORT NEWS LIGHT AND WATER COMPANY, by L. B. MANVILLE, Superintendent. 4-1-108

INSPECTION OF RIFLES

Col. Dempsey Pays Annual Visit
to Company.

MEN APPEARED TO ADVANTAGE

While no Statement Was Made by the Inspector it is Thought That the Command Passed Muster — Capt. Wilkins Examined for Commission.

Col. Charles A. Dempsey, U. S. A., retired, commissioned by the war department under the provision of the Dick bill as inspector of the National Guard of Virginia, conducted the annual inspection of the Huntington Rifles, Company C, Seventy-first Virginia Regiment, National Guard, last night in the new quarters of the company in the Darling building. Thirty-two men and two officers turned out and, although Col. Dempsey would make no statement regarding the inspection for publication, it is believed that the command successfully passed muster. Eight members of the company are away on the cruise of Montana, they having been given leave of absence from the inspection by the commanding officer, First Lieutenant Charles Franklin.

Men and officers appeared in full dress uniforms and the company made a good showing. Apparently the arms were in good condition and the appearance of the men was almost perfect.

Col. Dempsey arrived in this city yesterday morning, being met at the depot by officers of the company. During the day he inspected the company's quarters and equipment. He expressed himself as well pleased with the appearance of the quarters and the condition of the equipment. Previous to his arrival the company had gotten together all of the worn out uniforms, blankets, hats, caps, shoes and camp equipment, and these were assorted and piled ready for the inspection. The colonel complimented the officers on the manner in which this work had been accomplished, and stated that this was the only company in the state that he has inspected thus far that had its condemned equipment ready for inspection.

The rifles now have the best equipment and most commodious quarters they have had in years and they expect to furnish quarters for the company's equipment of the latest improved Springfield rifles within the next few weeks. New uniforms, blankets and other equipment also will be furnished the company by the war department in the near future.

Col. Dempsey examined Captain R. E. Wilkins for his commission as the commanding officer of the Rifles. Captain Wilkins was recently elected to this office by the company after being on the retired list for about three years. The result of the examination will be known in a few days.

WILL NEED ARMY OF MEN FOR THE WORK

Railroads in Middle West Planning to Do Unusually Large Amount of Work This Spring.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, ILL., March 31.—The Record-Herald today says: In the next sixty days the railroads of the United States will have to find between 250,000 and 300,000 men to mend their tracks and roadbeds and another large army to go into their shops and repair their cars and locomotives. The railroads centering in Chicago alone will require more than 100,000 laborers.

Work will start in light tomorrow on the roads which are the best favored by climatic conditions, and will be increased rapidly until June 1, when removal and repair work will be in full swing on every railroad in the country. The average number of men needed by each of the large Chicago systems is 30,000, and the wages offered are to be about the same as last year when labor was scarce and more men were needed. For day laborers the wages range between \$1.25 and \$1.60, a day, the average being about \$1.40. The first figure is paid for what are called steel gangs, who are employed in laying steel rails.

This year the railroads expect to be able to procure a much greater proportion of American labor than usual, owing to the fact that time have not been so good and many men are out of employment. It is also expected that there will not be so many Italians available this year because when the business recession came the Italians returned to their native land in ship loads.

WILL OPEN BIDS TODAY.

School Board Preparing to Put up Fire Escapes.

Bids for fire escapes for the Central school building and the Twenty-second street and North End buildings, will be received by the school board committee on buildings and grounds today. The committee will meet to night, or on the night this week, to examine the bids and prepare a report to the school board.

This report will be received by the school board at its meeting on Thursday night, April 9.

MUST MATCH DRESS

SHOES AND STOCKINGS FOR EACH COSTUME.

Footwear To-Day an All-Important Detail in Modern Dress—Dainty Embroidered Slippers with the Tea Gown.

Shoes and stockings are all important details in modern dress, and a glimpse into the shoe closet of the fashionable woman is disheartening indeed to the woman of moderate means and a love of dress. These are the halcyon days for the woman with



an average sized foot, for bargain sales in footwear are bargain sales indeed. When it is possible to afford to have shoes made to order it is far more satisfactory to do so, but there is such a wide range of sizes and styles to be found in all the large shoe shops that it is not necessary, nor in fact desirable, to slavishly follow any dictate of fashion ancient the pointed or square toe, the wide or narrow sole, the low cut low shoe or the fancy slipper to be worn in the street with elaborately embroidered stockings. Again, good breeding is to be noticed. The well bred, well groomed woman will not be conspicuous. If she can afford it she will wear something well cut, made of good material, of well polished or patent leather with her tailor gowns—but she will not go about in public streets with her feet shod as for a ball. The elaborate style of gown worn for the afternoon reception, the tea gown, the after gown and the ball gown, all demand, in these luxurious days, elaborate footwear, as shown in our illustration. Suede shoes to match the color of the gown and silk stockings to match the shoes are considered smart for the spring and summer.

For winter the patent leather, worn with open work or embroidered silk stockings, is considered correct. For the tea gown are the daintiest of embroidered satin slippers, like mules, with stockings to match, while for the ball gown are satin or kid slippers, embroidered in crystal or rhinestones or pearls, with silk stockings to match, or instead of the embroidery will be seen tiny bows of lace or lace edged ribbon. Gold or silver slippers are also fashionable and are certainly effective, while a rather startling note is struck in the bright red satin slippers with tiny rhinestone buckles and worn with silk stockings of exactly the same shade of red.

Smart Tub Dress.

The girl who intends to have something stylish and out of the ordinary, will make the skirt of her tub frock from white linen and the coat from pink or blue, and braid each in self colors. Carrying out the same idea in woolen materials the coat will be of a darker shade than the skirt, even though the colors be the same.

Before the material is stamped the coat should be finished with the exception of lining and facing, and the skirt completely finished. By so doing the design can be arranged in exactly the position desired and the effect will be much more satisfactory than if first braided and then made up.

The cuffs and collar of the coat are braided before attached. If the garment is of tub material, it should be laundered before worn.

To iron it, have well-padded board and lay the skirt right side down. With irons as hot as can be used, without scorching, press material until perfectly dry.

Grace Through Dancing.

No child should begin toe dancing until 12 years old, but much of the art can be learned before that and through dancing a little girl acquires a grace, a poise and freedom of movement which stands her in good stead during the awkward age as well as for the rest of her life.

Higher Crowns and Trimmings.

On the whole, crowns and trimmings seem higher, and it is not uncommon to find a high crowned hat with a row of wings bristling heavenward all around it. On toques the mercury wings pointing upward and backward will be a popular trimming for early spring.

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SUBMARINE OFFICIALS EMPHATIC IN DENIALS

(Continued from First Page.)

high officials of the navy department.

"The only influence we have with the navy department," replied Mr. Rice, "is to build the best boat. The rest of the story is a malicious lie."

Regarding the charge that the Electric Boat Company has suppressed competition, Mr. Rice said that it "so utterly absurd it sounds like ravings."

He denounced the charge that the company had subsidized newspapers. Mr. Rice denied that the company had made any contributions to the campaign funds of any members of Congress, or had helped to defeat any member who did not favor submarine legislation. He claimed that the report derogatory to the Electric Boat Company was being circulated by members of the Lake Boat Company and while he absolved Mr. Lilley from any ulterior motive in bringing these charges, he maintained that he had gotten his information from the Lake people.

Mr. Rice claimed that he had been approached on four occasions by representatives of the Lake Company with propositions to buy out that company or to merge the two companies and form a new one.

His representatives of the Lake Company, who he said, approached him were U. Grant Brown and Charles R. Flint, both of New York.

Senator Buckley Dragged In.

Mr. Rice said that he declined all the propositions.

Mr. Rice testified that the was given to understand by Mr. Brown that these proposals were made contingent to the present investigation being stopped; that it could be stopped if the consolidation were effected.

"Did he say who could stop it?" asked Mr. Olmstead.

"He said through United States Senator Buckley, of Connecticut," replied Mr. Rice.

Mr. Rice denied that the company had made any excessive profits out of its past contracts, and stated it would be absolutely impossible to say what the profits would be in the contracts recently secured.

Mr. Lilley, through the committee, submitted a list of 204 questions to Mr. Rice dealing large with the technical details of submarine boats; names of foreign stockholders in the Electric Boat Company, amounts paid different attorneys of the company,

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where funeral services will be conducted at St. Stephen's church, today. Captain Ashby suffered a stroke of paralysis several years ago and never regained his health. Early Sunday morning Mr. C. Aylett Ashby received a message telling him to come to Richmond at once, that his father's condition was critical. Mr. Ashby went to Richmond on the first train Sunday, and remained at his father's bedside until the end came.

Captain Ashby, who was 68 years old, was born and raised at Culpeper. He was a gallant Confederate soldier, serving in the army as captain. He had many friends here, having visited his son frequently.

CAPTAIN ASHBY DEAD.

Father of Mr. C. A. Ashby Passes Away After Lingerin Illness.

Captain W. A. Ashby died in Richmond at the Virginia hospital Monday after a lingering illness. He is survived by a widow and two sons, Mr. C. Aylett Ashby, of this city, and Mr. Julian Ashby, of Eagle, W. Va.

The body was taken to Culpeper,